



Lake County Coastal Plan Committee Minutes

August 26, 2009

The Lake County Coastal Plan Committee hereby finds and determines that all formal actions were taken in an open meeting of the Lake County Coastal Plan Committee and that all the deliberations of the Planning Commission and its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Chairman Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. at the North Perry Village community Center in Madison and welcomed attending visitors.

North Perry Village Mayor Ed Klco, welcomed all present at the meeting being held in the Village's Community Center. Twenty-Four years ago, they purchased this property. With the help of the Coastal Plan Committee and JJR, the Village is currently in the process of making the Coastal Development Plan initiative for this area a reality. Mayor Klco thanked the members of the Committee for all their hard work on the Plan that began the process at North Perry Village. They started setting 1600 loads of stone from Sandusky in April, 2009 and the work being done by Hoffman Construction should be completed by October. It has been quite an experience and they are willing to make their information available to other Lake County coastal communities in the future. He said that Dwayne Bailey, who is overseeing the day-to-day work being done, should be the contact person for anyone wishing more detailed information. Mr. Klco was thanked for the food and hospitality extended to the members.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Messrs. Advey, Allen, Bodnar, Buescher, Gilmer, Klco, Landeg, Stephenson, Urbanski, Welch, Zeitz and Ms. Neale. Staff present: Mr. Boyd, and Ms. Myers.

MINUTES

Mr. Allen moved to approve the April 29, 2009 minutes. Mr. Welch seconded the motion.

All voted "Aye".

OLD BUSINESS

2009 NOAA Stimulus Application

Mr. Boyd notified the members that no funds were awarded from the NOAA Stimulus grant of \$18 million applied for by the Port Authority and the Lake County Planning Commission. He had worked on the applications with Mr. Loftus on the behalf of this Committee and the Lake County Planning Commission. Mr. Boyd stated that NOAA had given more funding to the City of San Francisco than the entire Great Lakes Basin received. Mr. Boyd stated efforts to garner attention in Washington have increased in marketing coastal development in Lake County since the Port Authority has been instituted.

CMAG Application Update for Stanton Park and Madison Township Park

Madison Township is working on a land plan analysis for Stanton Park and has been awarded a planning grant by ODNR. Mr. Boyd said the Township is working to adjust their grant to focus on economic impact by creating a tourist-type destination at Stanton Park. They have 35 acres of land purchased in the 1990s with Federal dollars. In October 2008, they conceived the idea to go to a private/public park relationship in order to bring in extra tax dollars. The Township was commended by Jason Boyd for using out-of-the-box thinking. They have a technical agreement with the State. An engineering RFP was advertised and two developers responded. Additional revenues could be brought in through covered bridges tours and other possibilities. The dollars and cents of this are tied to the community and will include a bed tax. Mr. Advey stated the Township had performed their due diligence in developing this plan. Rabbit Run Theater has shown an interest in being a part of this

venture. This idea is still in the conceptual stages. Should plans move forward, the park lakefront will still be publically accessible.

2009 State Capital Funds Update

The coastal community projects that were awarded \$1.25 million from the 2009 State Capital Bill were Eastlake, Mentor/Mentor Harbor, Perry Township and Madison Township. These funds have not been allocated to date. These communities are in the process of submitting paperwork to receive their dollars.

NEW BUSINESS

Bathometric Analysis

The Lake County Port Authority is working on a contract for approximately \$49,000 to do an underwater survey (bathometric) in late September. The engineering company will cover 15 million data points at the sites to be receiving the \$1.25 million from the State to get more information on underwater occurrences. A data set will be available to all.

New Fairport Harbor Village Administrator

Mr. Boyd welcomed Mr. David McGuirke, the new Fairport Harbor Village Administrator, as the new representative for Fairport to the Coastal Plan Committee. Mr. McGuirke gave a short synopsis of his background from 1976 as a Building Inspector through his council terms in Lakewood and Cleveland where he became Chief of Operations and retired in 2004. After 35 years of total service, he decided to come east. He was on the NOACA Board. He works 25-30 hours per week and is looking forward to his new position.

Mr. Boyd said the riverfront area will need a massive rezoning in Fairport Harbor. How the ferry would work into this venture is unknown.

Madison Township Park

Mr. Advey said Madison Township has approximately \$500,000 to use towards engineering/construction to improve the Madison Township Park beach. They issued a RFP to a dozen engineering consultants and construction companies for offshore breakwater barriers, protected boat launch area, and to clean up the beach area. On August 19, they had an informational meeting for these engineering/construction companies. They need to design the entire footprint. They are currently working out the logistics. He also stated the mansion is up for sale again at \$1.4 million.

CMAG Applications to be Released in September

A CMAG grant for \$250,000 is available and applications need to be submitted before November 14. Mr. Boyd is asking for the members to inform their communities and contact him so they can get an application out before this date.

Community Updates:

Lake Metroparks – Vince Urbanski - There are two CMAG options, engineering and construction. He had talked with Ms. Yetty Alley to find out what type of applications would rate the highest priorities for the grants and was told public access was always a big seller.

Ward Creek – Bob Zeitz – There was nothing new in Eastlake to mention. He stated that Grand River Partners had to lay everyone off in June and had merged with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. Mr. Boyd added they had brought some staff back into the Painesville office. Mr. Zeitz stated the second item that came up at the Lake County Soil and Water meeting last night was that the Lake County Board agreed to co-sponsor a 2010 State Environthon. They will need support and donations.

Lake County Port Authority – Harry Allen – The Port Authority Board has been concentrating on the Economic Recovery Act, which was allocated \$780 billion for the U.S. Lake County is the recipient of \$18 million for development available to any private entities with a few stipulations attached. In the

other half of the Act, there will be \$12 million allocated for municipal infrastructure. Projects need to be in place prior to December 30, 2010. The Port Authority wants to take advantage of this opportunity and is determining how to get everything in place for this possible revenue stream. This program may be appropriate for various landside amenities.

Madison Township – Larry Advey – He stated that most everything has been stated previously. He also said assistance from the Lake County Port Authority and the Lake County Planning Commission had been invaluable in getting the Township to where it is now. They are still working on letters of intent with the developers and want to do an economic analysis study with the ODNR grant on Stanton Park. Mr. Boyd said it will be a public facility; we will be looking at the lakefront enhancements. The bluff needs to be pulled back, drained and more beach needs to be created. Rabbit Run Theater has some ambitious plans for the future, which could potentially be incorporated into the plans for Stanton Park. Ms. Neale asked if they had gotten any money from Arts & Culture and was told they were working on that aspect.

Painesville Township – Lee Bodnar – The Trustees approved the new Gateway Business Corridor zoning. He thanked North Perry Village for hosting the meeting and the Lake County Planning Commission for its assistance with their new Gateway zoning. Pat Catan opens next month. Lake Erie Shores will still be going forward, but the housing prices will be scaled back due to the economy. Mr. Boyd added that Mr. Robert Amjad of Hemisphere had said at a meeting that they were still moving forward on this project.

Perry Township – Mark Welch – They are waiting for the allocation of the State Capital money.

North Perry Village – Ed Klco – Because of something 7-8 years ago, this Committee and its members came together, gathered coastal information and made a plan, this community is where it is now.

Mentor-on-the-Lake – Al Buescher – Mentor-on-the-Lake has no updates other than the work Mr. Stephenson has conducted regarding the channel to the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club.

Engineer's Office – Bruce Landeg – Those traveling on S. R. 2 are now experiencing "pain for the gain" with current construction. He offered to get answers if anyone had any questions on the project. He stated Stimulus Funds were not being used for this project.

Lakeline Village – Debbie Neale - Lakeline Village celebrated its 80th Anniversary and Congressman Steve LaTourette and Representative Lorraine Fende joined the Villagers in dedicating the new sidewalks that were completed this summer.

Commissioner Rep and LCDC – Dave Gilmer – On October 21, 2009, the Economic Forum will be held at the Holiday Inn-LaMalfa in Mentor. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce will speak on the economy and regulatory aspect and the Federal Reserve will speak on the financial aspect of the economy.

Mentor Harbor Yacht Club – Chuck Stephenson - Mentor Harbor structures are 80 years old, 30 years past their intended lifespan. There is no way the Yacht Club can get the dollars necessary for new structures. The Lake County Port Authority has been their ally on this. An agreement is to be finalized with Mentor to cooperate with them on this project. The breakwater channel must be put fully into public hands to get public dollars. Mr. Boyd said the \$400,000 Mentor is to receive could be used as seed money.

Great Lakes Restoration Bill

Mr. Urbanski said there is \$475 million in the Great Lakes Restoration Bill. We should look over the bill as it progresses for property acquisitions. Money should be available for riverfront property acquisition and, particularly, in the Great Lakes area. This bill should give money to the Great Lakes. Our beaches appear more polluted than others because we monitor them more often than anyone else and because of the methodology used to determine the amount of pollution.

Mr. Boyd asked everyone to call him with CMAG grant funding needs for engineering and acquisitions for their communities.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 18, 2009. Location to be determined.

Ms. Neale moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. and Mr. Landeg seconded the motion.

All voted "Aye".